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CITY OF HAZLEHURST RECEIVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$650,000 awarded to the city of Hazlehurst.

"The state of Mississippi enthusiastically supports Hazlehurst in improving its business climate," Governor Musgrove commented. "Strong communities are the backbone of a strong state economy."

The funds, administered through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for economic development on behalf of Sanderson Farms, Inc.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority, which administers technical and financial assistance programs that help communities prepare for growth. Through its Economic Development funds, the CDBG program encourages new and existing business by providing local governments with grants for public improvements, or loans to businesses for start-up and expansion costs. Job creation is the key to CDBG-assisted economic development.

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